

**REGULAR MEETING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MARCH 16, 2007 – 8:30 A.M.  
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARDROOM**

1. Call to Order was done by Chairman Eugene Caldwell at 8:30 a.m. Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. Members present: Dave Corn, Todd Every, Rick Warrington, Dave Grignon, and Yvette Ducane. Members absent: Kenneth A. Fish, Pat Corn and Aaron Schenk.
2. Moment of Silence: Prayer was offered by Dave Grignon.

**Motion was made by Todd Every to move items 3 and 6 to after item # 15 and hear item 9 before item 4. Second was by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

9. Ethanol Plant Proposal/Michael Koran-Discussion and Recommendations:

Michael Koran gave a presentation to inform the Tribe that an ethanol plant is not feasible. This is due to the distance that corn products would need to be transported. Mr. Koran went thru the various methods of alternate heating sources that are available. He also informed the committee of the revenue generated by the end products of a methane plant (trucking, selling the liquid methane to organic oat and winter wheat, jobs to operate a 24 hour plant and carbon credits).

The Committee needs more information and statistics especially when it comes to the amount of acreage necessary to operate a methanol plant along with any potential ground water issues. Mr. Koran will be working with Todd Every to get a general overview on starting a methanol plant and bring it back to the next committee meeting.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to have Michael Koran to work with Todd Every and bring back this information to the next meeting. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

4. Tribal Utilities – Arrearage Dispute:

Richard Schreiber informed the Committee that while he was in jail he was still being billed by Tribal Utilities. He understands that his children were still in the home during his incarceration and he is willing to pay half his bill. He feels that his significant other at the time should be responsible for the other half. He is seeking relief from the Committee.

Mr. Schreiber was informed that he can work with the Utility Department along with the program attorneys to enter into a payback agreement. The Housing Department in the past has assisted individuals with arrearage amounts with a payback agreement. Mr. Schreiber was informed that if he breaks that agreement, that information does go to the Housing Department. If he is disputing the amount, he would need to go to Tribal Court.

**Motion made by Todd Every to have Richard Schreiber work with the Utility Department and the Tribal Attorneys to enter into a payback agreement. Second was by Yvette Ducane. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (D. Corn) and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

Tribal Utilities will bring back some type of policy to address this issue within the next sixty (60) days.

5. Canceling Recreational leases – Notification Process:

Prior to October the recreational lease notices are sent out to pay their recreational lease within the month of October. If there is no payment received, then another notice is sent out in November, but then the fee is doubled. If there is no payment received, then there is a cancellation.

There are three exemptions: medical, fire and death.

The Committee discussed when a certified letter should be sent. It was the consensus of the committee to send a certified letter after November 1 notifying the lease holder that they are being cancelled and that the fee has doubled.

Kim Komanekin will update the recreational policy and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Motion made by Rick Warrington to move items # 16 and #14 up on the agenda. Second was by Yvette Ducane. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

16. Other Business:

Stanley Webster and Shirley Peters are requesting a variance to place a double wide on the existing lot. The setback requirements are 25 feet from the front and 15 feet on the side. The existing trailer was placed onto the lot prior to the approval of the zoning ordinance. It is suggested that a minimum of 25 feet for the front and 12 feet from the back. The leaseholders are aware that the variance fee and any other fees associated with this would be paid by them.

**Motion made by David Grignon to recommend to the Legislature to approve the variance request by Stanley Webster and Shirley Peters with the following items: 1) Mr. Webster shall pay the 10.00 filing fee required by the Zoning Ordinance, 2) The new structure shall be placed as indicated on the proposed site plan indicating a minimum front yard set back of twenty-five (25) feet and a south side setback of twelve (12) feet and 3) Contractor who will be placing the structure on site is required to submit a site plan showing location of the proposed structure and utilities on site, submit a drawing of the structure, and obtain a construction permit from the Tribe. Second was by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

14. Fuel Station Sign Request:

Shawn Klemens was present to request a fuel station sign located across from the Casino. The Committee wanted to make sure that if the sign was to be placed near the division triangle, what would the Tribe's liability would be in case of an accident.

Todd Every and Shawn Klemens will investigate the liability issue and also raising the sign higher and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

7. Energy Policy:

Todd Every informed the Committee that this has been an agenda item for the past 4 or 5 meetings. Last week, a recommendation was made from the Tribal Legislature to request technical assistance from the Department of Energy in the development of an energy policy

With the opportunities that are available, the Committee concurred that the Energy Policy needs to be passed so that the Tribe can move forward.

A special meeting regarding this issue will be set up.

8. Economic Business Development Proposals-A) Business Development Coordinator and B) Business Development Ideas:

Todd Every was requested to put together a job description along with a budget for investment and business proposals that come to the Tribe.

**Motion made by Todd Every to table this item until the next meeting. Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

10. Purchase of Electrical Infrastructure/Dave Corn-Discussion and Recommendations:

Dave Corn informed the Committee that the Tribe has the opportunity to purchase the whole infrastructure from Alliant Energy. The Tribe had the opportunity prior but the main focus at that time was the Kenosha Casino. Another reason that the Tribe passed by the opportunity was that the Balsam Row Dam would have been included. The Dam would not be part of the sale now.

It was requested to find the old documents for review and a meeting will be set up with Mr. Schmitz-Alliant Energy, Todd Every and Dave Corn for further discussion and bring this information back to the next meeting.

11. Propane Gas Wholesale Purchase/Dave Corn-Discussion and Recommendations:

Dave Corn informed the Committee that the Stockbridge-Munsee propane gas trucks are riding around on the Reservation. The Tribe should look at this type of business. Also, the Tribe could look into a Public Works Department as this could be profitable.

Mr. Corn will gather some information and get back to the committee.

12. Dyan Nickey Business Proposal:

**Motion made by Todd Every to table this item. Second was by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

13. College of Menominee Nation-Zoning Variance Request:

The College of Menominee Nation is requesting a variance for construction of a maintenance building and storage shed.

**Motion made by Dave Grignon to recommend to the Legislature to approve the setback request as submitted by the College of Menominee Nation (variance be approved along Campus Drive from STH 47/55 to the driveway for the Maintenance Buildings along the south side of Campus Drive for the proposed buildings and any future development along this portion of road). Second was by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

15. Tribal School Request – Use of Pow-Wow Grounds:

**Motion made by Todd Every to table this item. Second was by Yvette Ducane. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

3. Committee Discussion-A) Election of Officers, B) Review of Committee By-laws and C) Set Priorities:

A) Election of Officers:

**Motion made by Todd Every to nominate Kenneth A. Fish as Vice-Chairman. Second was by David Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

**Motion made by Rick Warrington to nominate Todd Every as Secretary. Second was by David Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

B) Review of Committee By-Laws

**Motion made by Yvette Ducane to set the date for the committee meeting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month for 3 p.m. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 5 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 3 absent (Fish, P. Corn and Schenk).**

Also, the departments that report to this committee will need to submit their monthly reports for the committee packets.

C. Set Priorities:

It was the consensus of the Committee that an Energy Policy is a needed priority.

6. Keshena Well Road – Sale of saw logs:

Todd Every informed the committee that there were trees that needed to be cut for the new road and the saw logs were coming from the right-of-way. Mike Richter- MTE Forestry Department was not interested in the saw logs due to the close proximity of residential properties. After the logs were cut, MTE again said that they were not interested. The cut logs will now be placed out for bids.

17. Adjournment.

**Motion made by Todd Every/David Grignon to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder  
Legislative Staff